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*November 14th, 1854.*

The President, Mr. ORD, in the Chair.

A paper was presented for publication from Mr. Charles Girard, entitled, "Characteristics of some Cartilaginous Fishes of the Pacific Coast of North America," which was referred to Dr. Rand, Dr. Hallowell and Dr. Leidy.

A communication was read from the Berlin Horticultural Society, dated Berlin, Sept. 25th, 1854, transmitting donations to Library, and proposing exchanges. Referred to Committee on Proceedings.

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*November 21st.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Liege, dated 8th July, 1854, accompanying their donation acknowledged this evening; and also acknowledging the receipt of the publications of the Academy.

From the Imperial Academy of Sciences of Vienna, acknowledging the receipt of the publications of the Academy, and desiring missing numbers of the same.

From Dr. J. G. Flügel, dated Leipzig, August 1, 1854, in relation to certain charges for transmission of foreign works for the Academy.

A paper was read from Mr. Charles Girard, intended for the Proceedings, being an "Abstract of a Report to Lieut. Gilliss, U. S. N., upon the Fishes collected during the U. S. Astronomical Expedition to Chili." Referred to Mr. Cassin, Dr. Le Conte, and Dr. Hallowell.

Dr. Leidy read a paper intended for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Notice of some fossil Bones discovered by Mr. Francis A. Lincke, in the banks of the Ohio River, Indiana." Referred to Major Le Conte, Dr. Zantzinger, and Dr. Coates.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. John A. Guex, for the very extensive and superb collection of Coleopterous Insects, presented by him this evening to the Academy.

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*November 28th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Committee on Dr. Holbrook's "Descriptions of Fishes of Florida," reported in favor of publication in the Journal.

The Committees on Mr. Girard's papers, read 14th and 21st insts.; and on Dr. Leidy's paper, read 21st inst., reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.